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Agricultural Department.

Farmers, stock-raisers and horticulturists are invited to contribute to this department such matters as have come within their own experience and observation, for the general advancement of the cause.

Charles Hill, Esq., of Saco, a gentleman eminently well qualified to form a correct opinion upon the subject matter, states as the result of his observation during an extensive

It is much sadder for New England farmers to be
remain at home than to go West in the expec-
tation of acquiring a fortune more speedily
there. They raise larger crops "out West" than
here, but the prices realized are so much smaller
that the result of a year's work will not
vary much from a year's work East, while
there is nothing to compensate for the loss of
the "Yankee" society, and the "privileges" so dear
to the New England heart. He thinks that
homesickness is a prevalent and chronic dis-
ease with those who have moved towards the
setting sun, especially after their own sun has
passed the meridian.

On the decline that gently slopes to Jordan, Messrs. L. and N. Dane Jr., of Konoebunk are the most prominent breeders of Ayer's shires in this State.

The recently appointed cat'le commissioners found the legislation of 1892 amply sufficient to meet the exigency occasioned by the "Foot and Mouth" disease, and have taken vigorous measures to prevent its spread.

Each incorporated agricultural society in the State is obliged to pay one fourth of the State bounty for the establishment of Farmers' Clubs and the delivery of agricultural lectures, in their respective localities. This is extended under

The Maine Farmer thinks the State of Maine is suffering at the present time from too much horse. It says that every farmer's boy is raising a colt and looking forward to a splendid "trotter" worth \$2000, or \$3000. The editor calculates that it costs \$195, to raise a three year old colt, and that their average market value at that age is not over \$150, showing a loss of \$45. He calculates the profit on a heifer of the same age after allowing

The farming of Penobscot county made a good showing at their last exhibition. The first premiums on wheat were to Otis W. Rollins of Dexter for 49 bushels on two acres, and to Hall Bagley of Charleston, for 23 bushels on one acre; on oats to F. F. Cranenburgh of Kennebec, for 62 bushels per acre; on corn to Wm. Grinnell of Exeter, for 250 bushels of ears on two acres, and to J. Campbell of Corinth, for 505 bushels on two acres, and to Hall Bagley for 312 bushels on one acre, and to R. W. Doe of Corinth, for 193 bushels on one half acre.

notice that many houses in some of the best farming towns in Waldo county are vacant and rapidly going to ruin and decay.

"I'll tarr the land to hastening its prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

Isaac Coffin of Thorndike will pay \$200. for a mate to a three year old bright red grade Durham steer raised by him and giving 7 feet 8 inches; 5 feet 4 inches high and 3 feet 2 inches in length. He has had no provender except potatoes, until the present month.

23 hens of no particular breed, belonging to Mrs. Dale of Brewer, laid 345 dozen eggs last year. If any body's hens have done better than that let us know and it shall appear.

Mr. Lawas, the best experimental farmer in England, has tested the value of the manure made by animals fed differently. These are his conclusions:

A ton of wheat bran makes manure worth.....	3.17
A ton of clover hay.....	9.64
A ton of oats.....	7.70
A ton of corn.....	6.83
A ton of meadow hay.....	9.90
A ton of oats straw.....	9.90
A ton of wheat straw.....	3.59

Mengel Wurzel is German for "root of scarcity" it having been used in Germany instead of bread, in time of famine. In this country and England custom sanctions the use of the word Marrow.

It is quite generally believed that house-
plants are injurious to health if allowed in
sleeping rooms. Whether this belief is well-
founded or is simply a "notion" we are unable
to say. In view of the fact that persons ex-
hale carbonic acid which is poisonous, and in-
hale oxygen which is not, would plants absorb
the carbonic acid which we breathe in, it
would seem to be a "notion." But there may
be another view of the matter, and if any
reader of the PRESS knows anything about
it, let him forthwith state it and "fifth we'll
print it."

Boston wants the next New England Fair

We move that the managers of the County Agricultural Societies in Maine offer premiums for the best specimens of darning and patching exhibited at the Fairs next autumn.

Boston Common contains just forty-nine and three-fourths acres.

Ex-Gov. Chamberlain has been mentioned in connection with the Presidency of our State Agricultural College. It would be an appointment eminently satisfactory to our people and we trust it will be made.

A correspondent of the *Ploughman* having 19 hers on hand, January 1, 1870, finds that the net profit from the same during the year amounted to \$33.57.

Wells ought to be covered. Otherwise the family cat may tumble in and be drowned which would be bad for the cat and bad for the well and consequently too (two) bad.

12,000 copies of Sec. Goodale's *Agricultural* report were printed last year, at a cost to the State of \$3,404.46.

We know several young men who tire of the "slow" way of doing things here in Maine

Martin Burr writes us from Des Moines, Iowa, that seeing a wagon load of very large onions in front of a grocery, he was moved to make inquiries by which he learned that the grower raised 956 bushels from 3 1/4 acres— that they were not matured, hoed, weeded or thinned out after being sowed. That the land was formerly covered with witch hazel bushes which was plowed in a year ago last summer.

Nothing more was done until harvest. Many of the onions were as large as a saucer, and all were of good size. They sold for \$1.25 per bushel.

Recent Publications.

The *Nursery* for February is elegantly illustrated and contains delightful stories and little poems for the youngest readers. Published by John L. Shorey, 36 Bromfield street, Boston at \$1.50 a year.

A new paper, to be called the *Protector*, is about to appear in New York. It will give special attention to life insurance, which it will discuss in a simple, popular way, with the view

tion on the subject. In addition, in order to make the *Protector* of general interest to families, miscellaneous reading matter on health, etc., will form a prominent feature. Each number will also contain a story written for the *Protector* by a popular author. The editor is Sidney Ashmore, and the publishers W. C. & F. P. Church, 59 Park Row, New York.

Dresser and Ayer have sent us a copy of Oliver Optic's *Field and Forest*, published by Lee & Shepard, Boston. It belongs to the "Oward and Upward" series of six volumes. Oliver Optic is a prime favorite with the boys, and although he is a voluminous writer, his work does not mean that his works shall degenerate

into the active education of his pupils. His great experience as a teacher enables him to instruct and elevate his young friends. His appreciation of the whole class and provide proper amusement for them.

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